

What is claimed is:

1. A method of opening and closing a container,
said method comprising:

providing said container comprising:

a body portion having at least one wall;

5 a lid movably attached to said body portion;

a panel formed in said at least one wall of
said body portion;

wherein said panel is attached to said lid;

10 moving said lid to an open position by applying an
opening force thereto, wherein said opening force causes
said panel to separate from said at least one wall,
thereby forming a hole in said at least one wall;

moving said lid to a closed position by applying a
closing force thereto;

releasably retaining said lid in said closed
position by engaging at least a portion of said panel
with at least a portion of said wall.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein said lid is a
flip top lid.

3. The method of claim 1 wherein said container
further comprises a sheet of material covering said hole.

4. The method of claim 3 wherein said sheet of
material is a sheet of fluid impervious material.

5. The method of claim 1 wherein:

said panel includes a stationary portion and a hinge
portion separated from said stationary portion by a score
line;

5 said stationary portion is attached to said lid; and
said engaging at least a portion of said panel with
at least a portion of said wall comprises engaging said
hinge portion with said at least a portion of said wall.

6. The method of claim 1 wherein:
said at least one wall of said body portion includes
a hinge portion;

5 wherein said engaging at least a portion of said
panel with at least a portion of said wall comprises
engaging said at least a portion of said panel with said
hinge portion.

7. The method of claim 1 wherein said engaging at
least a portion of said panel with at least a portion of
said wall comprises engaging said at least a portion of
said panel with at least a portion of said wall within
said opening.

8. A container comprising:
a body portion having at least one wall;
a lid movably attached to said body portion;
wherein said container includes a first condition
before said container has initially been opened, a second
open condition and a third re-closed condition;
wherein, in said first condition, a panel is
attached to both said at least one wall of said body
portion and said lid;
10 wherein in said second condition, said panel remains
attached to said lid but has been removed from said at
least one wall member, thus leaving a hole in said at
least one wall;
wherein, in said third condition, at least a portion
15 of said panel is releasably engaged with at least a
portion of said wall.

9. The container of claim 8 wherein said lid is a
flip top lid.

10. The container of claim 8 and further comprising
a sheet of material covering said hole.

11. The container of claim 10 wherein said sheet of material is a sheet of fluid impervious material.

12. The container of claim 8 wherein:
said panel includes a stationary portion and a hinge portion separated from said stationary portion by a score line;

5 said stationary portion is attached to said lid; and
 said at least a portion of said panel comprises said hinge portion.

13. The container of claim 8 wherein:
said at least one wall of said body portion includes a hinge portion; and
said at least a portion of said wall comprises said hinge portion.

14. A method of opening and closing a container, said method comprising:

providing said container comprising:
a body portion having at least one wall;
a lid movably attached to said body portion;
a hinge movably attached to said lid;
moving said lid to an open position by applying an opening force thereto;
moving said lid to a closed position by applying a closing force thereto;
releasably retaining said lid in said closed position by engaging at least a portion of said hinge with at least a portion of said wall.

10 15. The method of claim 14 wherein said lid is a flip top lid.

16. The method of claim 14 wherein said hinge is movably attached to a stationary portion via a score line

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and wherein said stationary portion is attached to said lid.

17. A container capable of moving between an open condition and a closed condition, said container comprising:

a body portion having at least one wall;

5 a lid movably attached to said body portion;

a hinge movably attached to said lid;

wherein, in said closed condition, at least a portion of said hinge is engaged with at least a portion of said wall.

18. The container of claim 17 wherein said lid is a flip top lid.

19. The container of claim 17 wherein said hinge is movably attached to a stationary portion via a score line and wherein said stationary portion is attached to said lid.

20. A method of opening and closing a container, said method comprising:

providing said container comprising:

5 a body portion having at least one wall;

a lid movably attached to said body portion;

a hinge portion;

a stationary portion;

10 wherein said hinge portion is movably attached to said stationary portion via a score line; and

wherein said hinge portion is aligned with said stationary portion;

15 moving said lid to an open position by applying an opening force thereto, wherein said opening force causes said hinge portion to misalign with said stationary portion;

moving said lid to a closed position by applying a closing force thereto;

using said hinge portion to releasably retain said lid in said closed position.

21. The method of claim 20 wherein said lid is a flip top lid.

22. The method of claim 20 wherein said stationary portion is attached to said lid.

23. The method of claim 20 wherein said stationary portion is a part of said at least one wall of said body portion.

24. A container capable of moving between an open condition and a closed condition, said container comprising:

a body portion having at least one wall;

a lid movably attached to said body portion;

a hinge portion;

a stationary portion;

wherein said hinge portion is movably attached to said stationary portion via a score line; and

wherein said container includes a first condition before said container has initially been opened, a second open condition and a third re-closed condition;

wherein, in said first condition, said hinge portion is aligned with said stationary portion;

wherein in said second condition, said hinge portion is misaligned with said stationary portion;

wherein, in said third condition, said hinge portion releasably retains said lid in said re-closed condition.

25. The container of claim 24 wherein said lid is a flip top lid.

26. The container of claim 24 wherein said stationary portion is attached to said lid.

27. The container of claim 24 wherein said stationary portion is a part of said at least one wall of said body portion.